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**LISTING OF THE CLAIMS:**

The claims remain as follows:

1-11. (Canceled)

12. (Previously Presented) A method for upgrading a software on a customer system, comprising:

receiving, by a supplier system, a software inventory from the customer system;  
verifying one or more business contracts for the software inventory utilizing one or more databases connected to the supplier system; and  
determining one or more software upgrade releases for the software inventory utilizing a product topology database connected to the supplier system, wherein determining one or more software upgrade releases comprises:

verifying pre-requisite and co-requisite software for the software upgrade releases;  
filtering the software inventory;  
categorizing the software inventory;  
mapping software releases in the software inventory to software upgrade releases;  
categorizing the software upgrade releases; and  
generating an upgrade order.

13. (Previously Presented) A method for upgrading a software on a customer system, comprising:

receiving, by a supplier system, a software inventory from the customer system;  
verifying one or more business contracts for the software inventory utilizing one or more databases connected to the supplier system; and  
determining one or more software upgrade releases for the software inventory utilizing a product topology database connected to the supplier system;  
receiving an order for additional software; and

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verifying pre-requisite and co-requisite software for the additional software.

14. (Previously Presented) A system for upgrading a software on a customer system, comprising:

a supplier system configured to:

receive a software inventory from the customer system;

verify one or more business contracts for the software inventory utilizing one or more databases connected to the supplier system; and

determine one or more software upgrade releases for the software inventory utilizing a product topology database connected to the supplier system, wherein determining one or more software upgrade releases comprises:

verifying pre-requisite and co-requisite software for the software upgrade releases.

15-25. (Canceled)

26. (Previously Presented) A signal bearing medium, comprising a program which, when executed by a processor, performs steps for upgrading a software on a customer system, comprising:

receiving, by a supplier system, a software inventory from the customer system;

verifying one or more business contracts for the software inventory utilizing one or more databases connected to the supplier system; and

determining one or more software upgrade releases for the software inventory utilizing a product topology database connected to the supplier system, wherein determining one or more software upgrade releases comprises:

verifying pre-requisite and co-requisite software for the software upgrade releases;

filtering the software inventory;

categorizing the software inventory;

mapping software releases in the software inventory to software upgrade releases;

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categorizing the software upgrade releases; and  
generating an upgrade order.

27. (Cancelled)